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Attorney Docket No.: SNS-016  
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APPLICANTS: Levene *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: Not yet assigned GROUP NO.: Not yet assigned  
FILING DATE: Herewith EXAMINER: Not yet assigned  
TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR STENCILING AN IMAGE

Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR USE OF COLOR DRAWINGS AS FORMAL DRAWINGS  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2)

Applicants submit this petition to request acceptance of color photographs and color drawings as formal drawings in the above-referenced U.S. patent application. As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), Applicants herein include:

- an explanation regarding why the color drawings are necessary;
- the fee set forth in § 1.17(h);
- three (3) sets of color drawings; and
- a black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawings.

The paragraph required by § 1.84(a)(2)(iv) is already present in the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the Specification of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

1. Explanation regarding why the color drawings are necessary: Color drawings appear in FIG. 4A, FIG. 4B, FIG. 5, FIG. 8, FIG. 9, FIG. 10A, FIG. 10B, FIG. 10C, FIG. 10D, FIG. 13, FIG. 14, FIG. 15, FIG. 16A, FIG. 16B, FIG. 16C, and FIG. 17 of the above-referenced application. These drawings include schematic diagrams that illustrate methods of stenciling a color image. Alternative presentation of the above-listed

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drawings in black and white is impractical. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that color drawings are the only practical medium by which to disclose in a printed utility patent the subject matter to be patented, and therefore, the color drawings should be permitted for use as formal drawings.

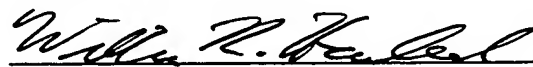
2. In accordance with § 1.84(a)(2) and § 1.17(h), this petition is accompanied by a check that includes the petition filing fee of \$130.00. However, should any other fees be required for this petition to be considered, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 20-0531.
3. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), this petition is accompanied by three (3) sets of color drawings.
4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), this petition is accompanied by a black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawings.

Applicants submit that all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) and § 1.17(h) are satisfied, and Applicants respectfully request that the color drawings and color photographs be accepted as formal drawings in the above-referenced non-provisional U.S. patent application.

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